

CLAIMS:

1. A training apparatus for use with an external defibrillator, the external defibrillator responsive to a first electrode and a second electrode, the training apparatus comprising:

a transparent layer having a first electrode attachment region defining an opening sized to receive the first electrode,

a signal conductor disposed proximate the first electrode attachment region, the signal conductor having a transfer path, the transfer path operable to provide communication between the first electrode and the second electrode, when the first electrode and the second electrode are disposed on the training apparatus; and

a two-dimensional representation of an anterior portion of a defibrillation subject, identifiable through the transparent layer, having the first electrode attachment region arranged thereon in a manner that defines a preferred placement area of the first electrode on the defibrillation subject.

2. The training apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a second electrode attachment region defining an opening sized to receive the second electrode,

wherein when the first electrode is arranged in the first electrode attachment region, and the second electrode is arranged in the second electrode attachment region, in such a manner that when the transfer path is operating, the external defibrillator is operable to detect a connection state between the first and second electrodes and the training apparatus.

3. The training apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the transfer path comprises an electrical connection.

4. The training apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the second electrode attachment region defines an opening in the transparent layer, and is arranged on the two-dimensional representation of the anterior portion of the defibrillation subject in a manner

that defines a preferred placement area of the second electrode on the defibrillation subject.

5. The training apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the signal conductor comprises a conductive layer having a first side and a second side.

6. The training apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the two-dimensional representation of the anterior portion of the defibrillation subject is interposed between the first side of the conductive layer and the transparent layer.

7. The training apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the first side of the conductive layer is exposed through the two-dimensional representation of an anterior portion of a defibrillation subject, in the preferred placement area.

8. The training apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:
a protective layer disposed on the second side of the conductive layer.

9. The training apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the protective layer comprises one of: a polyester film, a polyethylene film, a polypropylene film, and paper.

10. The training apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the protective layer comprises a two-dimensional representation of a posterior portion of a defibrillation subject, identifiable through a transparent back layer having the second electrode attachment region arranged thereon in a manner that defines a preferred placement area of the second electrode on the defibrillation subject.

11. The training apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the second side of the conductive layer is exposed through the two-dimensional representation of the posterior portion of a defibrillation subject, in the preferred placement area of the second electrode.

12. The training apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the two-dimensional representation of the anterior portion of the defibrillation subject comprises a life-sized representation of a human being.

13. The training apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the preferred placement area of the first electrode comprises one of a sternum position and an apex position.

14. A defibrillator training apparatus comprising:
a substantially flat flexible sheet with two sides;
an illustration of a human body on one side of said sheet;
a depiction of a proper first defibrillator electrode position on said illustration; and
an electrically conductive path between said depiction and a second depiction of a second defibrillator electrode position on said sheet.

15. The defibrillator training apparatus of claim 14, wherein said human body is illustrative of an adult human and said second depiction of said second defibrillator electrode position is disposed on said illustration.

16. The defibrillator training apparatus of claim 14, wherein said human body is illustrative of a pediatric human anterior side and said second depiction of said second defibrillator electrode is disposed on a second illustration of a pediatric human posterior side.

17. The defibrillator training apparatus of claim 16, wherein said second illustration and said second depiction is disposed on a second side of said sheet.